

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 is allowable.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-4 were pending in this application. By way of this reply, claims 1-3 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claim 4 is now pending in this application. Claim 4 is independent.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

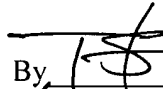
Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,920,799 issued to Low (hereinafter "Low"). Claims 1-3 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 1-3. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/140001).

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